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SENATOR KOCH: All right. Mr. Dworak thinks...

SENATOR DWORAK: Maybe go over them on a cursory basis.

SENATOR KOCH: No, I will elaborate on them. The first amendment that I will speak to adopted by the Committee amends section 79-1337. The purpose of this amendment is basically a resolve of the Eighth Circuit Court decree which says that the students in Omaha shall be moved from various kinds of schools to other schools, and as you know, Omaha has a number of schools which are target schools and relate to Title I funds. It is, no doubt, the fact that Omaha will be losing a certain amount of its entitlement because of the movement of certain students from these target schools. So what I have attempted to do in 79-1337 is to make sure that the students that are identified as Title I students will not lose that entitlement as they come from not only state funds and state aid but also from federal funds as they affect those students involved. That is the purpose of that amendment. It cost, again, Senator Dickinson has inquired as to the cost. There is no fiscal impact. No, Senator Warner, the impact... naturally, there could be if Omaha, if the state does not identify those students because they are being moved to a non-target school. Then naturally they would lose that point that they are weighed under our culture and deprived section of state aid but I don't think that we should penalize those students because of an Eighth Circuit Court decree which takes them out of an area. They are still deprived culturally and otherwise as defined under our law. So that is the purpose. These students will still be counted for the purpose of entitlement.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: On this entitlement, I don't understand it, that this is how you base the formula on the number of pupils on the state aid formula and you are changing it from residence to where they go to school or are you saying it will be in residence and not where they go to school? I need a little more background on this. I asked Senator Koch a question. Would he yield please.

SENATOR KOCH: Senator Dworak, if you will look on page 1 of the Standing Committee amendments, line 18 and 19, we say, "In addition, each student eligible to be transported by bus, including those students reassigned by a state or federal court order and according to the provisions of this section..." What we are talking about here, if you go up and read the first part of it, you will see that we define students under two categories for special aid, culturally and educationally deprived and gifted. So what we are attempting to do here is to make sure that these students who normally have been counted in state aid for culturally deprived would not lose that entitlement simply because they are going to be bussed to another school.